THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Leasing out of Airports to Private Enterprises

2614. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 459 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th February, 2000 and state:

(a) the conditions on which the airports are proposed to be leased out to private enterprises and the financial implications involved therein; and

(b) the manner in which the airports are proposed to be leased out?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has engaged financial consultant to advise AAI on the process of privatisation of airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai through long term lease. The conditions and the manner of leasing out of airports will be decided on the basis of the report of the financial consultant.

Induction of New Aircrafts by IA and Private Airlines

2615. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any proposal is pending before Government to induct new aeroplanes for the service of Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the private airlines are including new aeroplanes in their fleet and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what safety measures are taken by Government for using the rented foreign aeroplanes by private airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During the last one year following approvals have been given to scheduled airlines to import aircraft :—

M/s. Jet Airways:

2	B-737-800	
2	B-737-800	(replacement)

M/s. Sahara Airlines:

7	EMB-120	(turbo-prop aircraft)
4	B-737-400	(replacement)
1	B-737-700	(replacement)

(d) Compliance of safety measures/Airworthiness requirements as stipulated in the various CARs by the private scheduled operators is monitored by the DGCA. Spot checks and regular periodic surveillance are carried out on operational and maintenance aspects of these leased aircraft so that there is no let down in safety or airworthiness/operation standards at any time of operation.

Handing Over of ATC Services to Indian AIR Force

†2616. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1979 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th March,2000 and state :

(a) whether Government have considered the proposal to hand over the management of Air Traffic services of Mumbai and Delhi Airports to the Indian Air Force; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Memorandum of Construction of International Airport At Ludhiana

†2617. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:—Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Non-Resident Indians have made a demand to construct an international airport in Ludhiana;

† Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.